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SUBJECT: SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROTECTION

AMBASSADOR

1. ALTHOUGH EGYPTIAN SECURITY IS GOOD, WE MUST RECKON WITH LIKELIHOOD EGYPTIAN LEADERS INCREASINGLY BECOMING TARGETS OF FRUSTRATED RADICAL PALESTINIAN FEDAYEEN ELEMENTS AS PEACE TALKS MOVE FORWARD. CORRESPONDINGLY, TERRORIST THREAT TO US INTERESTS IN EGYPT MAY ALSO ESCALATE, PARTICULARLY THREAT AGAINST AMBASSADOR BECAUSE OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN PEACE MOVES.

2. AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THAT HIS PERSONAL PROTECTION WOULD BE GREATLY ENHANCED IF FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE WAS AVAILABLE AT POST FOR HIS USE. THIS WOULD ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR SECRETARY'S USE ON HIS VISITS TO EGYPT. RSO HAS POINTED OUT THAT NO SUCH VEHICLE WOULD PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS. WHEN AMBASSADOR'S NORMAL COM VEHICLE ARRIVES, WE WILL ARRANGE WITH DEPT. TO HAVE IT PARTIALLY ARMORED. HOWEVER, FOR LONG TERM, REQUEST DEPT. ASSIGN FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. RSO HAS RECOMMENDED THAT POST REQUEST GOE PROVIDE

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POLICE BODYGUARD TO ACCOMPANY AMBASSADOR ON ALL

VEHICULAR MOVES. SUCH REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE TO GOE LAST SPRING FOR PREVIOUS COM, BUT GOE NEVER RESPONDED. SUBJECT IS CLEARLY A SENSITIVE ONE FOR GOE, AND WE WILL HAVE TO PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE MIGHT BE AVAILABLE.

5. RSO WILL REPORT IN SEPTELS TO BE TRANSMITTED FROM BEIRUT EARLY NEXT WEEK SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANCERY WHICH WILL BE REOCCUPIED IN SEVERAL DAYS AND FOR TEMPORARY AMBASSADORIAL RESIDENCE IN ZAMALEK, WHICH HAS JUST BEEN REOCCUPIED. RSO ADVISES, AND WE AGREE, ZAMALEK RESIDENCE IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SECURE.

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